

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
**American Samoa Territorial Emergency Management Coordinating Office**  
**Faga'alu Village Flood Hazard Mitigation Project**  
**PDMC-PJ-09-CA-2003-002**

The American Samoa Territorial Emergency Management Coordinating Office (TEMCO) has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funding under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program to undertake a flood control project. The PDM Program assists states/territories and communities to implement sustained, pre-disaster, natural-hazard mitigation programs to reduce overall risk to the population and structures, while also reducing reliance on funding from actual disaster declarations. During the Presidentially declared disaster of May 2003, flooding of Faga'alu Stream caused considerable damage to many Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center (LBJ Medical Center) buildings and their contents. As the LBJ Medical Center is the only major medical facility serving American Samoa, TEMCO has identified the need to reduce the flood hazard on Faga'alu Stream by the LBJ Medical Center as one of its highest priorities.

TEMCO proposes to modify approximately 1,100 linear feet of Faga'alu Stream. The banks and the streambed would be excavated, graded, shaped, and compacted. Geotextile fabric and new bedding rock would then be placed in the stream. A portion of Faga'alu Stream in the middle of the project area would be realigned to the south of an existing bend in the stream. During construction, stream flow would temporarily be re-directed within the existing channel using a temporary dam. After the stream modification is complete, TEMCO would replace one single-lane concrete slab bridge and one double-lane concrete slab bridge to provide access from the LBJ Medical Center parking lot to the residences on the southern side of the stream. TEMCO would also construct a concrete traffic-barrier wall and chain-link fences for vehicular and pedestrian safety.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, FEMA has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Faga'alu Village Flood Hazard Mitigation Project (November 2004) to evaluate the impacts of the Proposed Action on the human environment. The Final EA was prepared after a Draft EA was submitted for public review and comment. FEMA received no comments on the Draft EA. The Final EA is available online at <http://www.fema.gov/ehp/docs.shtm>.

Based upon the conditions and the information contained in the Final EA, and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations) and Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management), 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and 12898 (Environmental Justice), the following is concluded:

A Finding of No Significant Impact. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared, based on the fact that there will be no long-term adverse impacts to the natural environment resulting from the Proposed Action.

For more information, questions, or comments, contact Sandro Amaglio, Region IX Environmental Officer, at (510) 627-7027. No action will be allowed to occur until 15 days after publication of this Finding of No Significant Impact.